

HUMANIST CHAPLAINCY

2023-2024 newsletter



Humanist Chaplain
Anthony Cruz Pantojas, MATS, MALS

Bienvenides a todes! Welcome to all!

I am Anthony Cruz Pantojas and I am excited to welcome you to the Tufts Humanist Chaplaincy! I support a community of mutual regard and exploration, inclusion and care. Together with the student-led Humanist Community at Tufts (HCAT), we invite the campus community to take up bold responses for the ethical challenges we face as a society while caring for each other along the way. As such, we will take on the following questions together:

*How do we bring in the multiplicity of our experiences into a vital space for constructive conversations and actions?
How do we both witness and act within the unfolding of our everyday lives?*

As we consider and respond to these questions together, I hope that imagination, speculation, and the flow of Humanist and freethought traditions guide us into becoming the community we need and want to be. I welcome you to engage and contribute to this evolving community. Please contact me if you would like to schedule an introductory meeting over coffee or tea.

En conjunto,

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Regular Programming

- Weekly reflection meetings
- Reading group
- HCAT student led meetings
- Potluck meals
- Candle-making events
- Dinners around challenging conversations
- Community retreats
- Community hiking
- Unlearning Retreat in partnership with Hindu Chaplaincy
- Speakers and panel discussions on modern spirituality



HCAT hike in the Middlesex Fells reservation

The Tufts Humanist Chaplaincy creates space on campus for everyone to come into connection and collaboration about life's big questions, especially those who consider themselves nonreligious or outside of traditional religion and might not have that space otherwise.

Program Spotlight: Humanist Hub Dinner Series

This dinner series is a supportive lab and network to consider the ethical, philosophical, intercultural, and interfaith challenges of this time. Past topics have included inquiry, storytelling, and memory. Students gather to check in, connect, share their ideas and receive wisdom from one another. If there are important issues to you that you would like to discuss, we invite you to join us for dinner!



Students gather with Chaplain Anthony Cruz Pantojas for a dinner conversation



“The Humanist community offered me a space to explore and reflect on my own values and beliefs, whether they are cultural, ethical, or spiritual. I particularly value the connections

I have formed here, with peers and mentors who are excited to discuss life’s big and small questions. Through weekly discussions and events, the Humanist Chaplaincy also helped me understand how to better engage with the wider Tufts and Humanist community as well as our role in them.”

–Jo Chung, A24

“In high school I separated myself from religion and spirituality and being part of the HCAT has helped me to reconnect with my own spirituality. I have enjoyed being a part of HCAT and being able to explore my understanding of both the world and myself. I have also found a truly amazing group of friends and likeminded individuals.”

–Mia Taylor, A24

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A vital portion of our programs are made possible by community donations. Here are some suggestions for how you can help make a difference in students’ lives:

- **\$25** contributes to meals at a community social event for nonreligious students at Tufts
- **\$75** contributes to an evening of candle-making for the Humanist community
- **\$150** brings a guest speaker to a community event to share about modern spirituality and Humanism

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